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Offices of Inspector General Report Accomplishments and Contributions Toward Good Government

Today, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) issued *A Progress Report to the President*, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002. This report emphasizes the accomplishments of the Federal Inspector General (IG) community and the role the community has played in focusing attention on and fostering improvements in the various management challenges facing the Federal government today and in the near future. In addition, this report discusses the collective performance of the Councils against their strategic goals, highlights the community's statistical accomplishments over time, and lists selected work of individual Offices of Inspector General (OIG) by management initiative.

A Progress Report to the President highlights the work of more than 11,000 OIG employees across government. Through thousands of objective audits, evaluations, inspections, and investigations of Federal programs and activities, the IG community has advised agency leaders on ways to address such key management challenges as homeland security and critical infrastructure protection, financial management and program performance, information technology, procurement and grant management, and human capital. During FY 2002, the community identified potential savings of nearly \$72 billion and was instrumental in nearly 10,700 successful prosecutions, suspensions or debarments of over 7,600 individuals or businesses, and almost 2,200 civil or personnel actions. The potential savings of nearly \$72 billion represent a possible 50-fold return on the taxpayers' \$1.5 billion investment in the IG community.

This year's annual report also assesses the strategic performance of the PCIE and ECIE. Adopted in May 2001, A Strategic Framework provides direction and focus for the Councils and sets their vision, mission, goals and objectives over a 3-year period. This report presents by goal the community's numerous accomplishments and ongoing initiatives and showcases its cooperative spirit in collaborating toward achieving many of the Framework's goals and objectives. Another feature of this year's report includes graphic illustrations of the IG community's statistical accomplishments over time as well as the accomplishments of individual OIGs during FY 2002. Finally, this report provides a resource guide that lists management initiatives reported on by OIGs, with applicable page references and Web site addresses.

Enacted in October 1978, the IG Act created independent audit and investigative offices within 12 Federal agencies. Over the years, the Inspector General concept has been expanded and during FY 2002, 57 OIGs provided audit and investigative oversight across government. October 12, 2003 will mark the 25th anniversary of the IG Act. This anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments of the IG community and reflect on how it can continue to contribute toward efficient and effective government.

As stated by the PCIE Vice Chair and ECIE Vice Chair on behalf of the IG community, "we look forward to fulfilling our roles as 'agents of positive change' by addressing the everchanging challenges our government faces today and in the future." The PCIE, created in 1981 and the ECIE, created in 1992, were established to coordinate and enhance governmental efforts to promote integrity and efficiency and to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse in Federal programs. For access to this report and a more in-depth look into the IG community, visit http://www.ignet.gov.

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